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probably be made during the ensuing year, to publish another volume at the expiration of about that time. Whether he will do so," he says, "will of course depend upon the wishes of his brethren of the profession." Mr. Blatchford may be assured that the second volume of his reports will be looked forward to at its due time with great interest.

Reports of Cases decided in the High Court of Chancery of Maryland: Hon. John Johnson, Chancellor. Vol. 1, containing cases from the year 1847 to 1851. Baltimore: published by John W. Woods, 1852. (pp. 603.)

This volume of reports is not without interest, from the fact that the Court whence it emanated, under the new Constitution of Maryland, must shortly cease to exist. It has more solid claims to attention, however, in the well known ability of Chancellor Johnson. The cases which it contains, we are informed, were originally reported for and printed in the Maryland Free Press. They have since been arranged and revised by the Chancellor, a syllabus carefully prepared for each, and a full and complete index subjoined. Various heads of equity jurisprudence, amongst others, the rather unusual ones of trespass and dower, receive illustrations in this volume, with learning and accuracy. We observe that in *Albert v. The Savings Bank*, at page 406, it was ruled that "the mere addition of the word 'trustee' to the name of the person who appears on the books of a corporation as stockholder, with nothing to indicate the character of the trust, or the party beneficially entitled," is not notice of the trust, or of a want of authority in the trustee, to a purchaser. A different conclusion was arrived at in *Walsh v. Stille*, (2 Parson's Eq. 17,) and appears, perhaps, the safer one. *Harrison v. Harrison*, (2 Atk. 121,) and *Davis v. The Bank of England*, (2 Bing. 393,) hardly warrant the inference drawn from them. See also *Mechanics' Bank v. Seton*, 1 Pet. Sup. Ct. 299; *Porter v. Porter*, 19 Verm. 410; *Reader v. Barr*, 4 Hamm. 446; *Christmas v. Mitchell*, 3 Ired. Ch. 535; *Hill v. Simpson*, 7 Ves. 152.

The Doctrine of Equity: being a Commentary on the Law as administered by the Court of Chancery, by John Adams, Jr., Esq., Barrister at Law, second American edition, with Notes and References to the latest American Chancery decisions, by James R. Ludlow and John M. Collins. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, 1852, pp. 760.

This work has, we understand, been adopted by the Supreme Court of

North Carolina, as a text book for the examination of students. This and the rapid sale of the first edition in this country, are pretty strong proof of the estimation in which it is held. Its reputation is well deserved. We may safely pronounce it to be the best treatise on Equity, of its plan and compass that we have. Mr. Adams has given the profession, in a shape suited both to the lawyer and the student, a comprehensive view of the equitable doctrines of the Court of Chancery, and at the same time of the modes of proceeding by which they are enforced. We have at first an introduction, which, after a sketch of the history of the Court, goes rapidly and summarily over the whole subject of equitable principles and pleading. The ground being thus mapped off, the body of the book is employed in filling up the outlines, and in the elaboration of details. This is done with a power of condensation, and at the same time with a distinctness, accuracy, and clearness, quite unusual. The book has also the great merit of avoiding as much as can be, those elaborate discussions of mooted points, which come to nothing, and serve only to distract the reader's attention.

The task of the American editors has been well performed. Their notes are frequent, able and full. At a rough calculation, over a thousand cases from our reports have been added. The typographical execution of the work is of the highest order. In paper and printing, no law books in the United States, surpass the recent publications of the Messrs. Johnson.

A selection of Leading Cases on various branches of the Law, with notes by John William Smith, Esq., of the Inner Temple; Barrister at law, from the third English edition, by Henry Singer Keating and James Shaw Willis, Esq's., of the Inner Temple; Barristers at Law. Fourth American edition, with additional Notes and References to American decisions, by J. I. Clark Hare and H. B. Wallace, in two volumes. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, 1852.

It is extremely difficult to speak of a book which has been so long and well known, as any commendation is wholly unnecessary. We are told in the preface, that this edition is reprinted from that of Messrs. Keating & Willis, with references to any later cases that may have occurred; that the American notes have been elaborately revised, and the recent American cases incorporated; the learned editors add, "that the present publication is believed to exhibit with fullness and correctness, *the actual state of the law*, as displayed in the adjudged cases of both countries upon the points discussed." This is most strictly true. We can assure our readers after